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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 10, 2002, Applicant hereby elects Species 2, with traverse, directed to the embodiment shown in Figures 5-8. This elected embodiment includes claims 5-21 of the present application. Applicant believes species 2, 3 and 4 should be combined, as they all have in common an infill panel, regardless of their construction.

Respectfully submitted,


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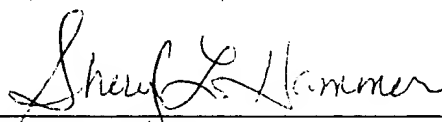
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